

HOUGHTON MIFFLIN

Vocabulary Readers

An elderly man with white hair and a grey jacket is leaning over a counter, looking at a tray of pastries. A young boy with brown hair, wearing a dark jacket and a grey scarf, is smiling and looking at the same tray. The tray is filled with various pastries, including cinnamon rolls, white bread rolls, chocolate-covered rolls, pink frosted pastries, and a large chocolate cake. The background is a green wall.

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## Strategy Focus

As you read, think of **questions** you have about the foods in a bakery.



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## Key Vocabulary

**bakery** a place where foods such as bread, cakes, and cookies are made and sold

**culture** customs shared by a group of people

**customer** a person who buys things at a store

**dough** a soft, thick mixture that is baked

**ingredients** parts of a mixture

**recipe** a set of directions for cooking

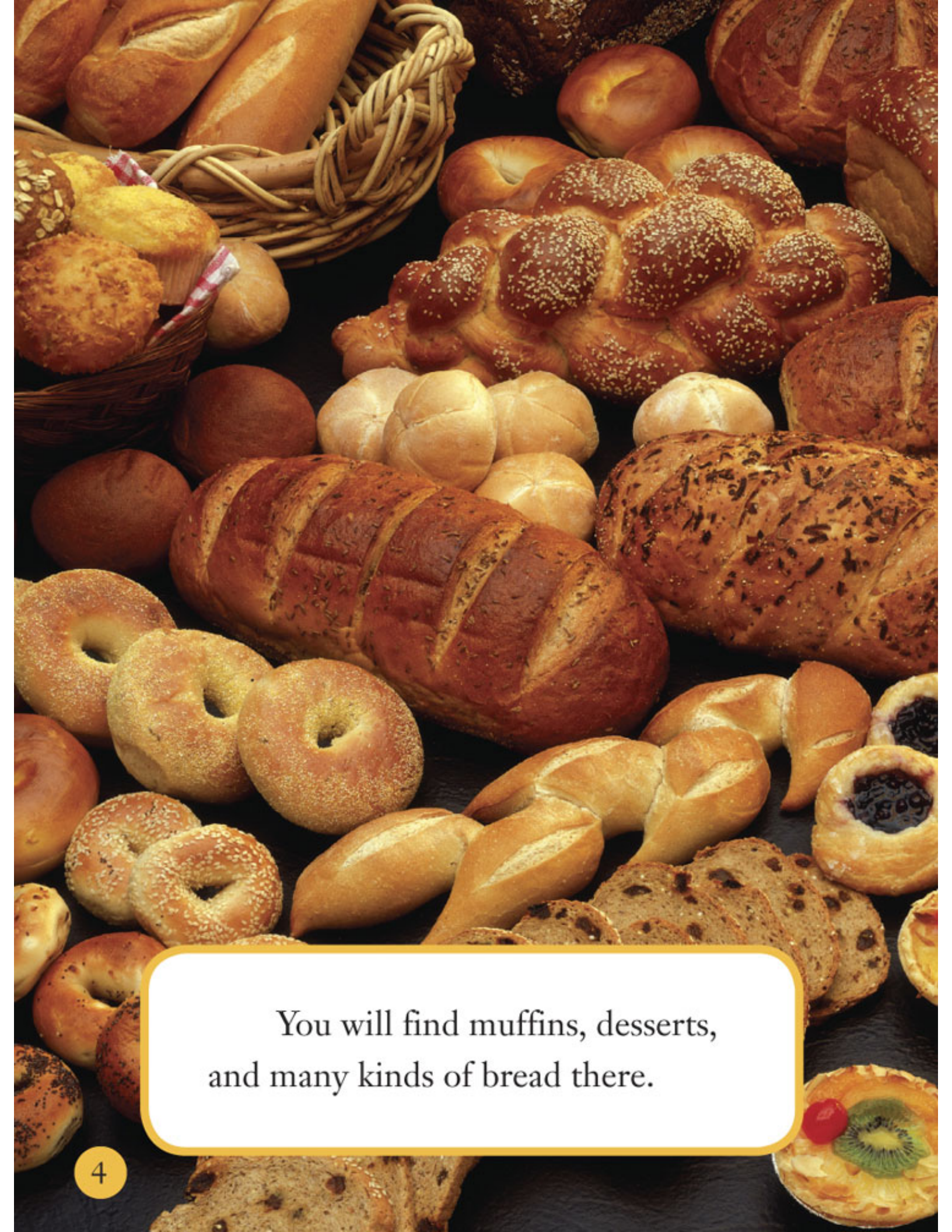
## Word Teaser

For directions to go someplace, read a map. For directions to cook something, read a \_\_\_\_\_.



What will you find at a bakery?





You will find muffins, desserts,  
and many kinds of bread there.





A baker makes all the bread at the bakery.



## Crusty Bread

2½ cups warm water or milk  
2 tablespoons dry yeast  
8 cups flour  
1 tablespoon salt

The baker has a **recipe** that tells how to make the bread.





The baker mixes the **ingredients**.  
The ingredients for this bread are  
flour, water or milk, salt, and yeast.



All the ingredients are mixed to make **dough**. Bakers knead the dough by pushing it with their hands.






The dough sits for a while. The yeast in it makes it puff up and get soft.




Then, the baker bakes the bread.



A woman with brown hair tied back, wearing glasses and a white apron over a light-colored sweater, is working behind a bakery counter. She is looking down at something in her hands. In the foreground, a man with dark curly hair and glasses, wearing a brown jacket over a blue shirt, is pointing his finger at a basket of bread in a glass display case. He is also holding a white disposable coffee cup. The display case contains several baskets of freshly baked bread, including round loaves and smaller rolls. The background shows a bakery interior with shelves and equipment.

All the bread is baked. A customer  
is happy to buy some.



A still life photograph featuring a variety of breads. A large wicker basket is filled with several long, golden-brown baguettes. In the foreground, on a wooden surface, are more breads, including a round loaf and a smaller round roll. A glass butter dish with a metal lid is also visible. The scene is warmly lit, emphasizing the textures of the bread and the wicker.

You can find bread from different countries and cultures at the bakery!



## Responding

### Putting Words to Work

1. If you were a **customer** in a bakery, what would you buy? Why?
2. What **ingredients** would you use to make bread?
3. Before the **dough** is baked, bakers use their hands to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Why do bakers need to read **recipes**?
5. **PARTNER ACTIVITY:** Think of a word you learned in the book. Explain its meaning to your partner and give an example.

#### Answer to Word Teaser

recipe

## Word Builder

A **bakery** is a kind of store. Make a chart that lists different kinds of stores. Write what people can buy in each one.

Kind of Store	What People Buy
bakery	baked goods

## Write About It

Choose one of the stores from your chart. Write a paragraph that describes what you might see in the store. Tell what you would buy there.



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